

JANUARY 23, 2014 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order and a welcome was given by President Pat Overstreet.

Pledge of Allegiance: Kathy Kramer

Minutes: Minutes from October 24, 2013, read and approved

Treasurers Report: Denise Sutherland, Treas. \$5574.21 general fund

Old Business: RURAL donated a \$400.00 gift card to the Animal Shelter (in the past designated for the cats but with our new and improved shelter they can spend it on any of the animals they prefer.) Discussed all the 50th Birthday Celebration plans underway for Norco. A full calendar of events will be available soon. As you know, RURAL is trying to curve expenditures, so text Dana Adams to make sure she has your correct e-mail address for the RURAL Minutes to be sent to you directly. Her new e-mail address is: editor@rural-norco.com The USO Dance raised over \$31,000.00. Everyone had a great time and it was just the start of all the fun plans for 2014.

New Business: More birthday plans discussed. The first of which is the Feb. 1st movie night. Various clips/movies all Saturday with the finale being at 7:30 pm showing the "Fistful of Dollars" with Clint Eastwood. Then Sunday will have the awards for the City made shorts. Discussed various groups/clubs in Norco asked to think of something to add to the festivities. RURAL suggested a time capsule. Kris Brooks volunteered to make one out of stainless steel with a screw top to keep whatever's inside safe for 25 or 50 years. If you have any good ideas we would love to hear them. We were thinking shoebox size and have it ready by July 4th celebrations. Do to the recent earthquakes, Fire Chief Pemberton brought up the reverse 9-1-1 call system; C.E.R.T. groups; having a 72 hr. kit in your car with clothes, toothbrush, wk.gloves, medication etc. We all know we should be prepared for emergencies, but how many of us are?

Future Speaker worksheet on last page of minutes.

Guest Speaker: Mayor Berwin Hanna

So much information and so little space to document it all!!! Please try to come to the meetings so you don't miss so many important items. Mayor Hanna stated that he was only going to discuss the positives this time around. He started with the firm commitment to keep business in town and spotlighting a "No Hassle" walk-in staff for a business friendly attitude. Destination Norco, with its beautiful Ingalls Park and the arenas that are being compared to others throughout the United States. New footing in the Moreno Arena received 3rd place in the "Most Improved Ground" plaque from the Barrel Racers Organization. A new arena machine and classes at the LA Equestrian Center, helped the needed improvement. Norco is trying to book as many BIG horse

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shows as possible. All the way from Arabs to Draft with everything inbetween. 6th and Crestview entrance way, being planned from proceeds via the "Day of the Cowboy". We now have a full-time active Code Enforcement Officer. (And does HE have a big job!) Discussed the infra-structure being a needed priority. Storm drains, and waterlines that are so old that we have to start replacing them. Slap on the back to our Norco Sheriff Deputies; crime rate is down! New businesses open or soon to open: Winco; Hobby Lobby (ribbon cutting Feb 24th 9am; Tractor Supply (hopefully open in March or April); Fairfield Hotel with 93 rooms at 4th and Hamner; State racing board regulated "Family Friendly" restaurant with sports betting. Improvement on the 2012-2013 general fund budget w/ an 11% increase and \$1.5 million in the general fund. Long hard fight to get there but it's paid off. We have all been reading about California's water draught; well look for our water costs to be going up as well as all of California. Veteran's memorial November 11, 2014 with bricks now available for purchase to highlight a veteran of any war, or any service.

Another THANK YOU for the excellent turn-out of members and friends for this meeting. We realize it was a little "cozy", but hopefully no one minded. Besides the food is always fantastic at 6th Street Deli! Remember to always tip the awesome helpers.

50/50: Doris Higgins won the drawing and donated it back to the RURAL organization.

Next meeting: Speaker Herb Higgins

Adjourned at: 8:10 p.m.

NEXT RURAL MEETING February 27th, 2014

Interesting articles for our news letters are always appreciated, so don't be shy if you have anything you want to share. Contact Dana Adams at editor@rural-norco.com who has agreed to accept this opportunity to serve.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Doris Higgins
(Please understand, this is only a brief recap of the meeting. So please try to attend to get the full focus and extent of our knowledgeable speakers.)

REMEMBER: SHOP NORCO (Especially when you buy your gasoline!)

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YOU CAN BE A PART OF EVERYTHING HAPPENING IN NORCO...JUST VOLUNTEER. YOUR SERVICES WILL BE APPRECIATED AND YOUR INTERACTION WITH OTHERS WILL CEMENT SOME LIFELONG FRIENDS.

SPEAKER WORKSHEET FOR 2014

JANUARY	23	MAYOR BERWIN HANNA
FEBRUARY	27	MAYOR PRO TEM HERB HIGGINS
MARCH	27	COUNCILMAN KEVIN BASH
APRIL	24	HORSEWEEK EVENTS/ NO MEETING
MAY	22	COUNCILWOMAN KATHY AZEVEDO
JUNE	26	COUNCILMAN GREG NEWTON
JULY	20	SUNDAY ANNUAL ELECTIONS AND POTLUCK
AUG	28	MOUNTED POSSE RODEO/ NO MEETING
SEPT	25	SILVERLAKES UPDATE W/ R.J. BRANDES
OCT	23	PREVIEW OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION
NOV	27	HAPPY THANKSGIVING/ NO MEETING
DEC	21	SUNDAY: ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK & SILLY GIFT EXCHANGE

F.Y.I. Ranch Tour Saturday May 17th, 11-4